

SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Prepared By: Transportation Committee

BILL: SB 1518

INTRODUCER: Senator Posey

SUBJECT: Motorcycle Handholds

DATE: March 2, 2006

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Eichin	Meyer	TR	Pre-meeting
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I. Summary:

Senate Bill 1518 deletes the requirement for motorcycles to be equipped with handholds for use by passengers.

This bill substantially amends section 316.2095 of the Florida Statutes.

II. Present Situation:

The 2005 Legislature passed HB 1697 which amended s. 316.2095, F.S., to include a provision requiring any motorcycle carrying a passenger, other than in a sidecar or enclosed cab, to be equipped with footrests and handholds for the passenger.

In addition to Florida, 45 states require footrests for motorcycle passengers. Nine other states (Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Maryland, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont) and the District of Columbia require handholds (in addition to footrests) for motorcycle passengers.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The bill removes the requirement for motorcycles to be equipped with handholds for passengers.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

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VIII. Summary of Amendments:

None.

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